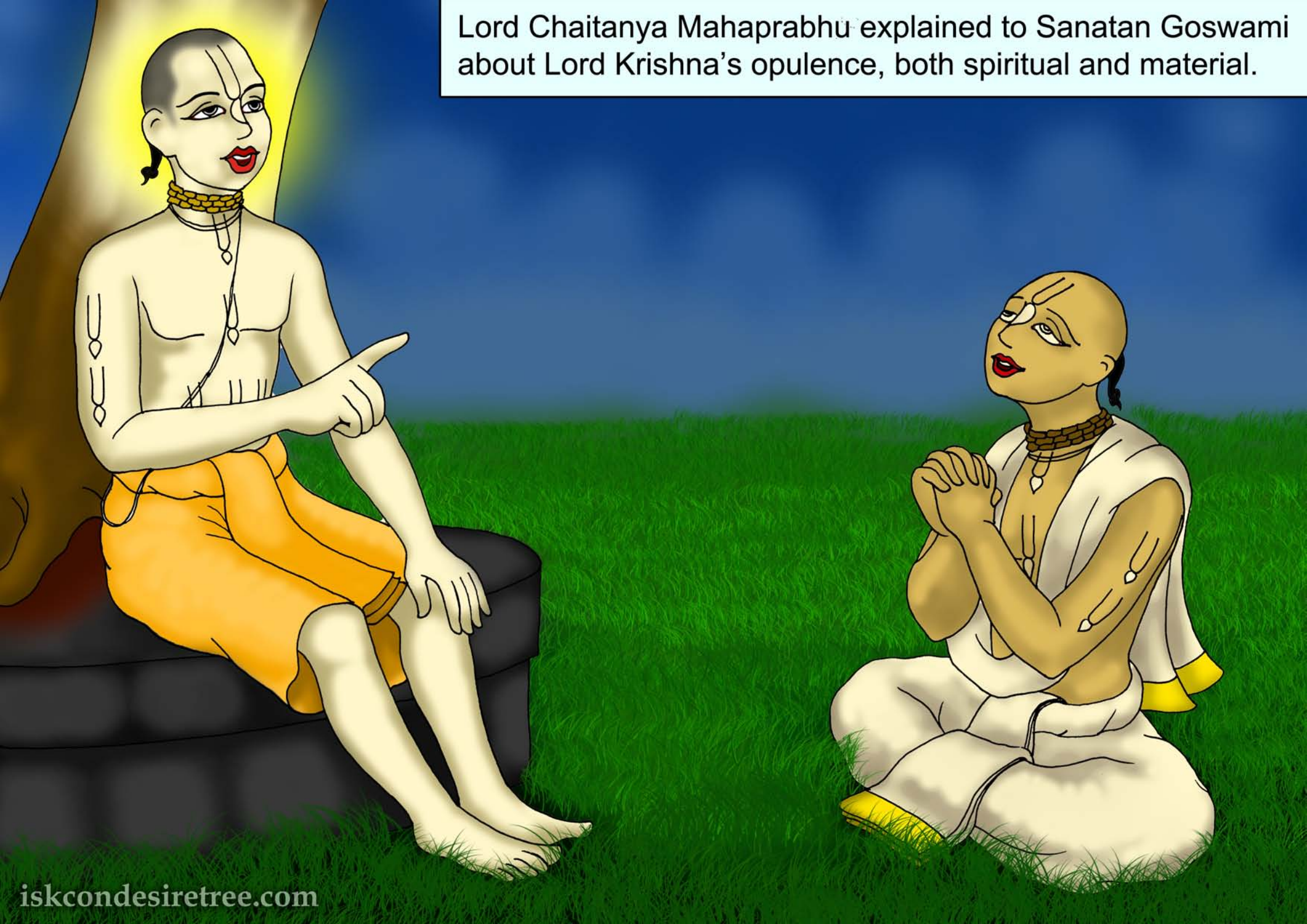




Opulence of Lord Krishna

Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu explained to Sanatan Goswami about Lord Krishna's opulence, both spiritual and material.



Lord Krishna says, that even the material opulence of mine cannot be fathomed by ordinary minds. One may measure the number of stars and atoms within the material universe but to ascertain my entire opulence is impossible even for Lord Brahma and Lord Shiva. What to speak of my spiritual opulence, which is three fourth of my entire opulence.



ONE UNIVERSE

among unlimited material universes

Godess Durga governs the activities of the conditioned souls.



Dūrgā-devī
shadow of hlādinī-śakti

each covering is ten times the diameter of the previous covering

Garbhōdakaśāyī Viṣṇu

(Lord Brahmā is born from the lotus flower sprouting from His navel)

JADA-JAGAT



Satyaloka: Lord Brahmā's abode

Tapoloka

Janaloka: Seven Sages

Maharloka

Svargaloka (Indraloka): Heavenly Planets

(Realm of 33 million Demigods and Demons)

Bhuvārloka: Rākṣasas and Ghosts



You are here



Bhūrloka: Earth Planet

Atala

Vitala

Sutala

Talātala

Mahātala

Rasātala

Pātāla: Piṭṛloka and Hellish Planets

Higher Planets

(subtle)

Middle Planet

(subtle and gross)

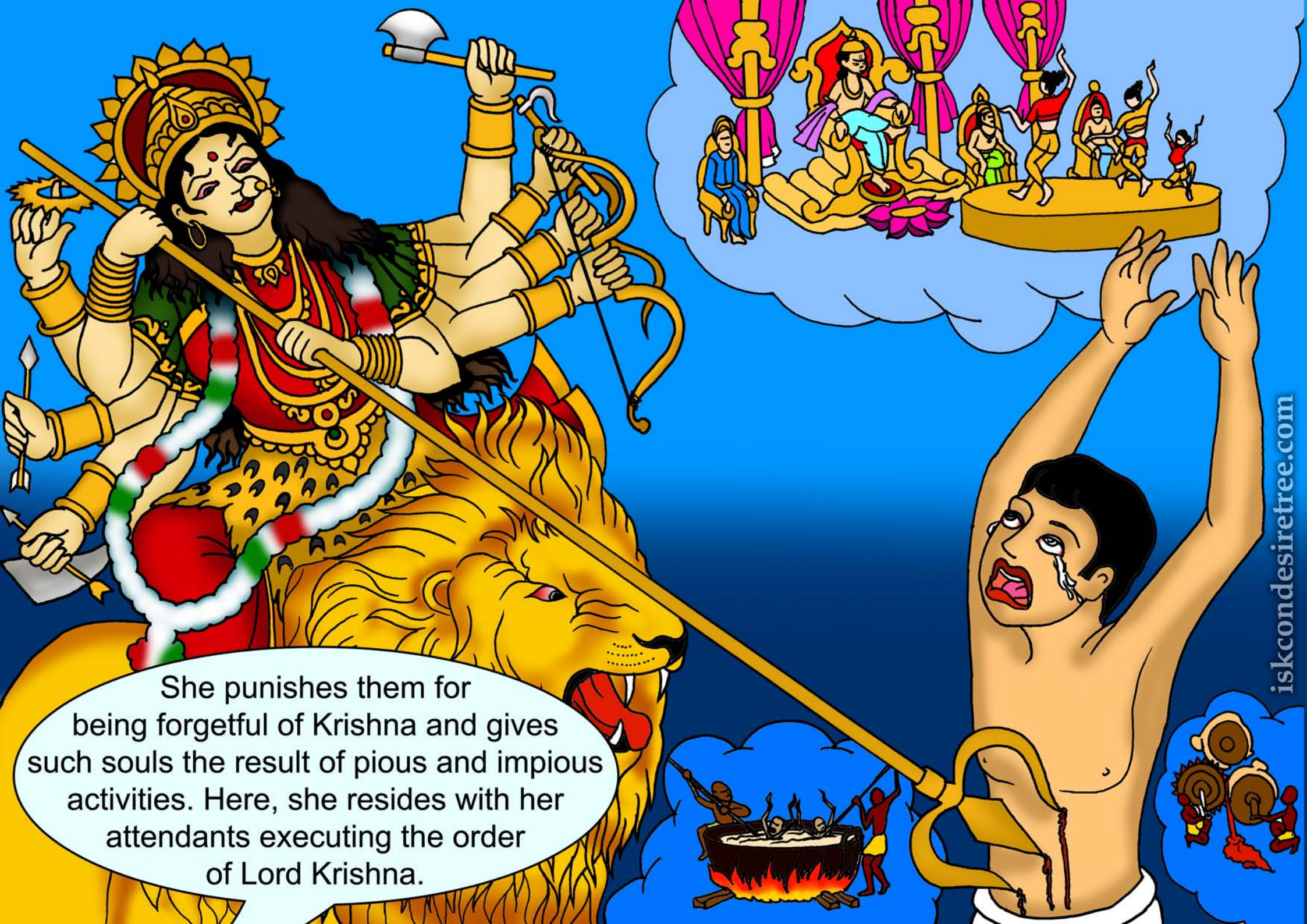
Lower Planets

(gross)

Jaḍānanda
(material pleasure)



GARBHODAKA OCEAN



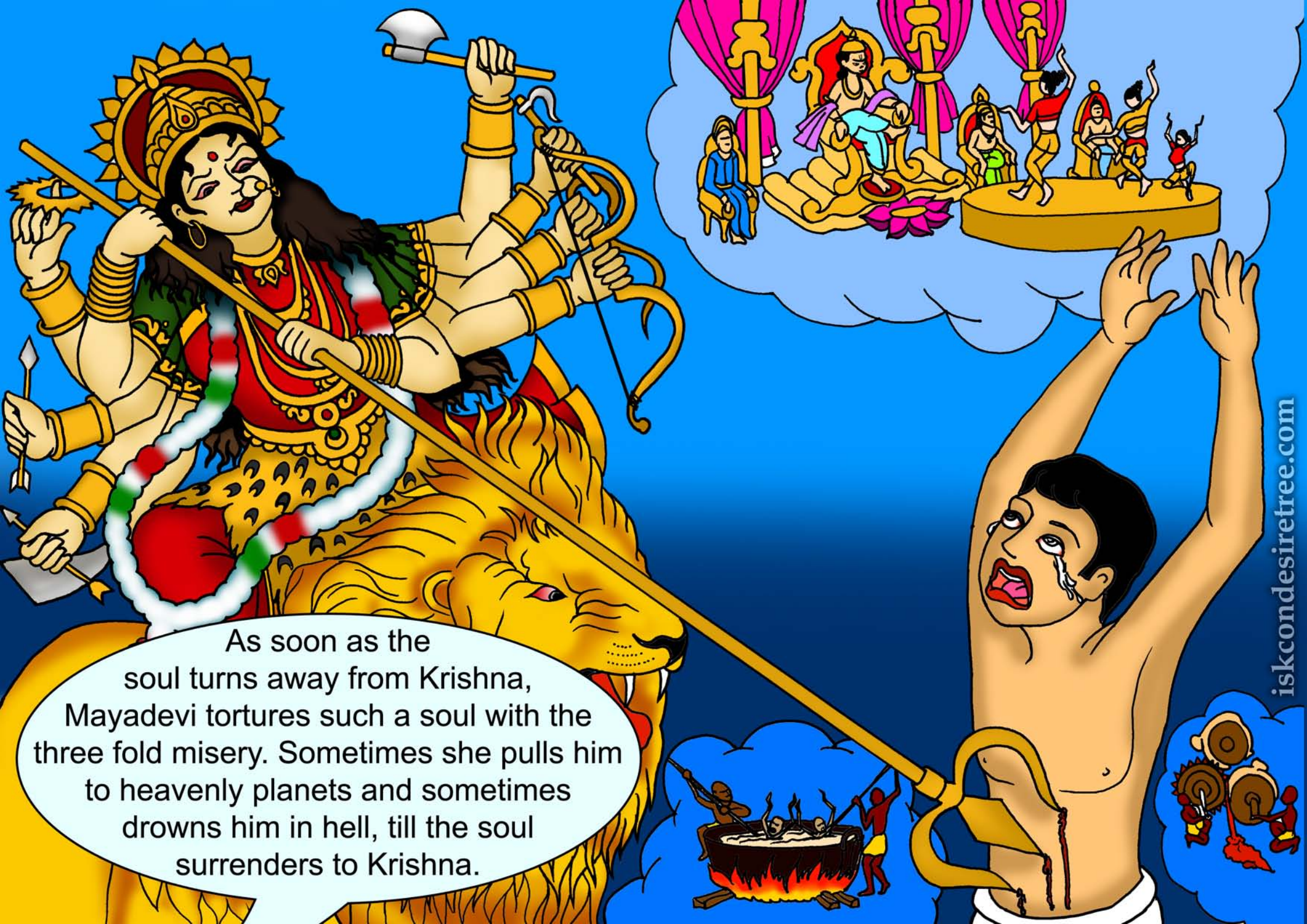
She punishes them for being forgetful of Krishna and gives such souls the result of pious and impious activities. Here, she resides with her attendants executing the order of Lord Krishna.

Sanatan Goswami questioned,

Why am I
suffering from the three
fold miseries?

The Lord answered,

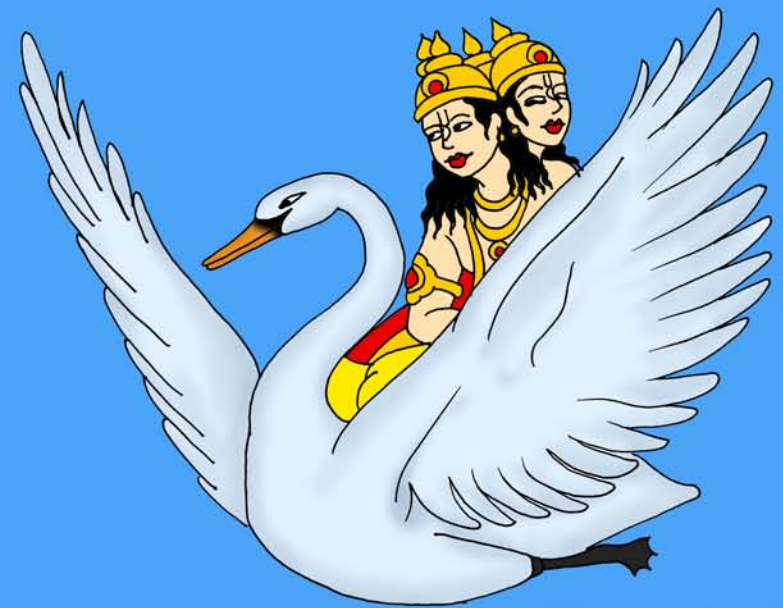
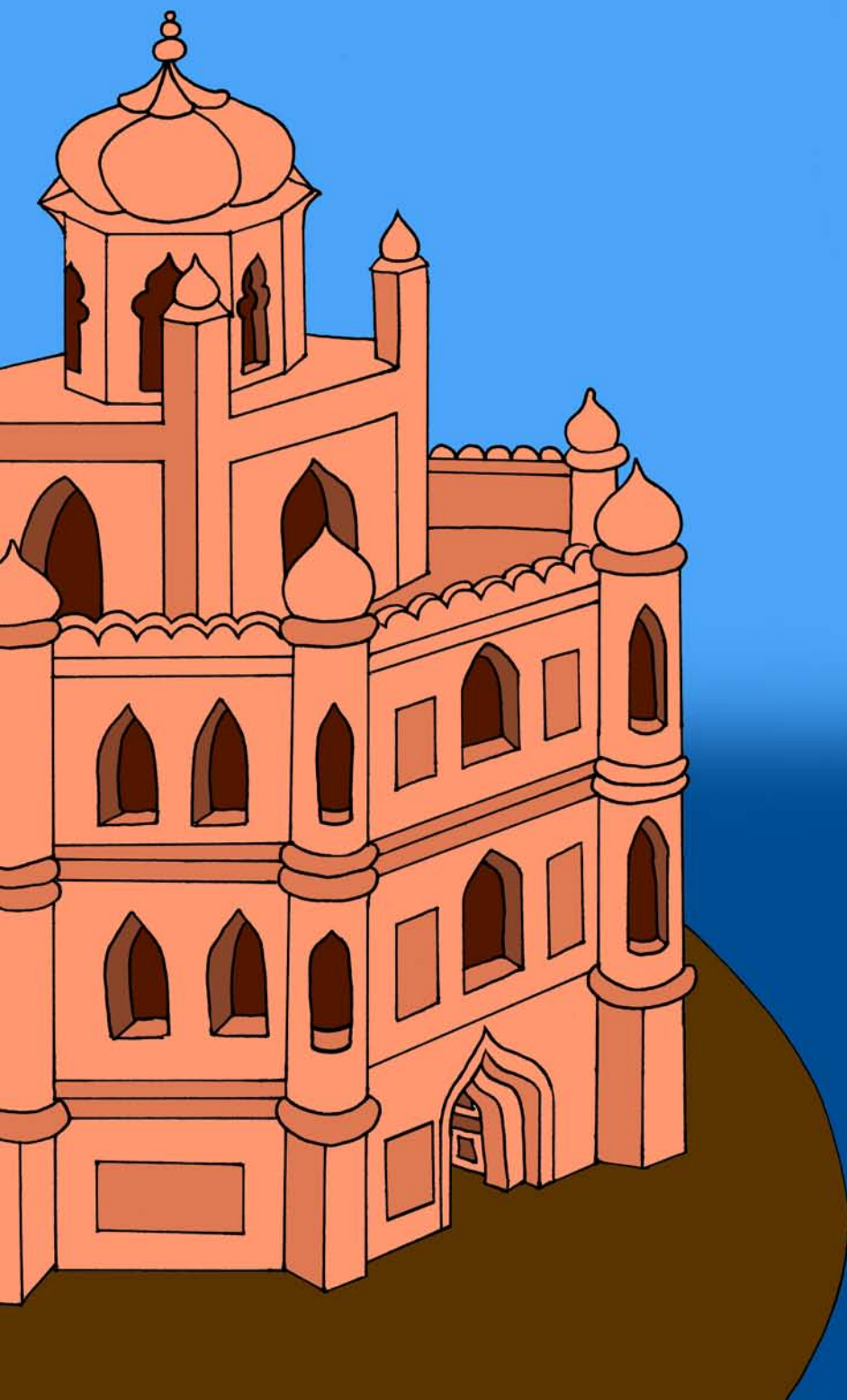




As soon as the soul turns away from Krishna, Mayadevi tortures such a soul with the three fold misery. Sometimes she pulls him to heavenly planets and sometimes drowns him in hell, till the soul surrenders to Krishna.



Lord Ananatashesha
sings Lord Krishna's glories with his
thousand mouths, yet he feels unable
to glorify him fully.



One day, flying through the sky, Lord Brahma felt like paying a visit to Dwarka to see Lord Krishna, whom everyone calls the Supreme Lord.

Over come with false ego,
he wanted to see who Lord Krishna is after all. He
thought to himself, "Is Krishna's glory bigger than my own,
who has created this material universe and
is known to all as Vidhata?"



When he reached the gates of Dwarka, he was stopped by the guards. They questioned him,



Lord Brahma being overwhelmed with pride said,

You don't know me?
I am Vidhata. Your Lord knows
me very well. Go and tell him that
Vidhata has come to
see him.



The guards replied,

Look Sir Vidhata,
you cannot go in as long as you
don't have my Lord's permission. So
kindly wait, till I get his permission
to let you in.

Lord Krishna, who is the supersoul within everyone's heart including Brahma and Shiva, knew that Lord Brahma was overcome with pride.



The guard went in and informed Lord Krishna saying,

Someone by the
name Vidhata has come
to meet you.



Lord replied,



Errr....!!!! Vidhata,
who is that? Sorry, but I
don't remember anyone
by that name.

The guard came out and said,

Sir, Vidhata.
My Lord said that he
can't recollect anyone
named Vidhata.



Lord Brahma thought to himself

... How come
Krishna doesn't know
me ...Vidhata ...very
strange?





Lord Brahma said,

Go again and
tell your Lord that the
four-headed Brahma
has come.

The guard again went in and informed Lord Krishna,

My Lord,
four-headed Brahma
has come to meet
you.



Lord Krishna said,

Oh! Why didn't
you say so in the beginning.
It is Chaturmukhi Brahma after all.
Now I remember. Please ask
him to come in.



When Lord Brahma came in Lord Krishna asked the reason for his coming.



Oh Lord! I shall tell you
why I have come but first clear my doubt
please. Why did you say that you didn't know
me? Is there any other Brahma besides
me within the universe?





Lord smiled and immediately called all Brahma's and Shiva's of all the universes, for an emergency meeting just like the president summons all his ministers.

Brahma was flabbergasted. He said,

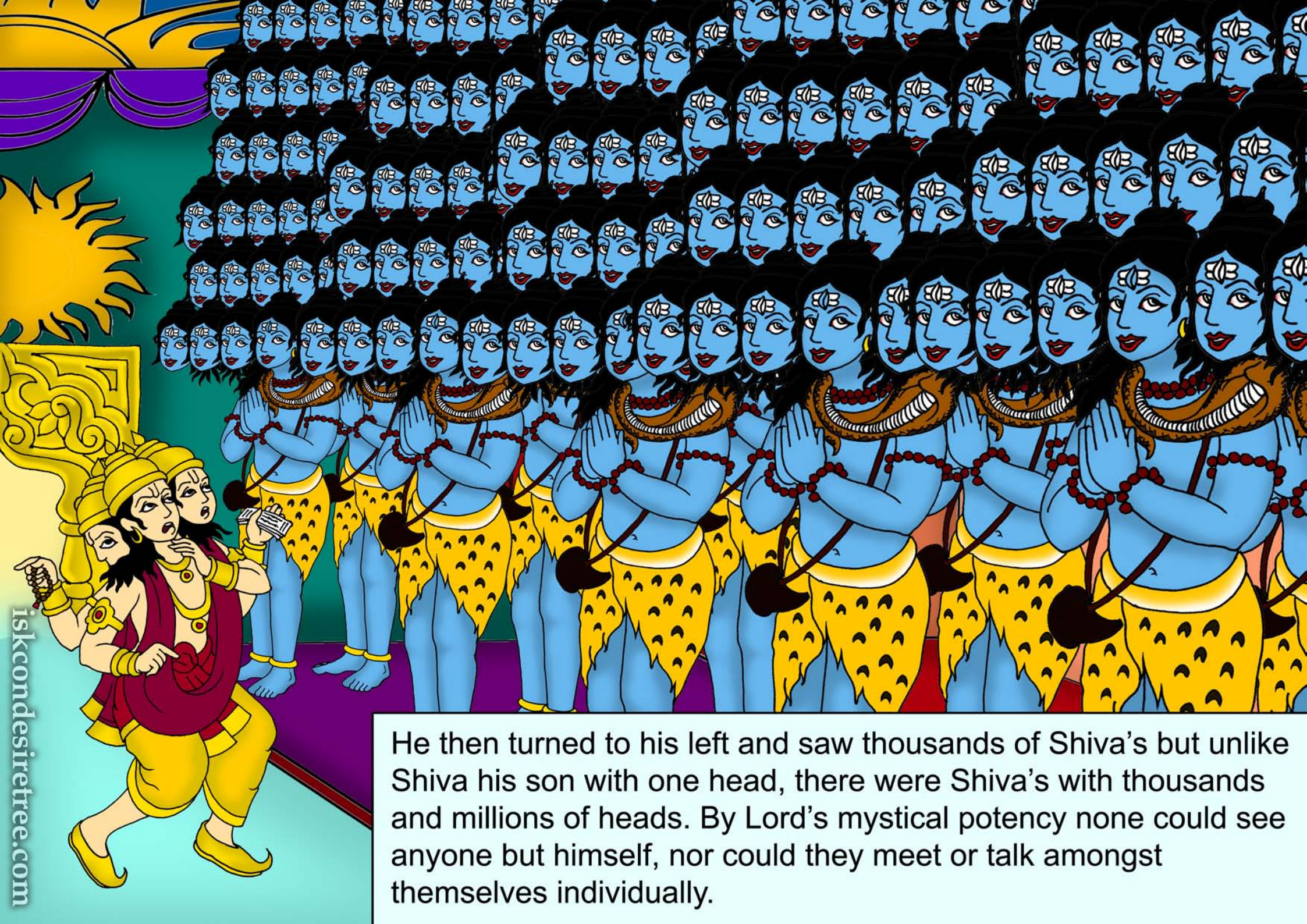
Oh Lord! What
is this that I am
seeing?



He felt like a rabbit amongst elephants.



Lord Brahma saw to his right. There were Brahma's with ten heads, hundred heads, thousand heads, ten million heads and hundred million heads, which nobody could count.



He then turned to his left and saw thousands of Shiva's but unlike Shiva his son with one head, there were Shiva's with thousands and millions of heads. By Lord's mystical potency none could see anyone but himself, nor could they meet or talk amongst themselves individually.



Brahma was surprised to see millions of Indra's and demigods from different universes, waiting for Lord Krishna and singing his glories.



He saw Lord Krishna seated on his opulent throne being served by 16,108 queens, headed by 8 principle queens.



All Brahma's and Shiva's were paying obeisance's unto him. The sound of their helmets was rhythmic and tumultuous. It appeared as if the helmets were offering prayers.

Lord Krishna said gently,

How are all of you? I
wanted to see you all together.
Is there any fear of demons or any
other issue, then tell me, I
will solve all of them.



All Brahma's and Shiva's spoke in unison,



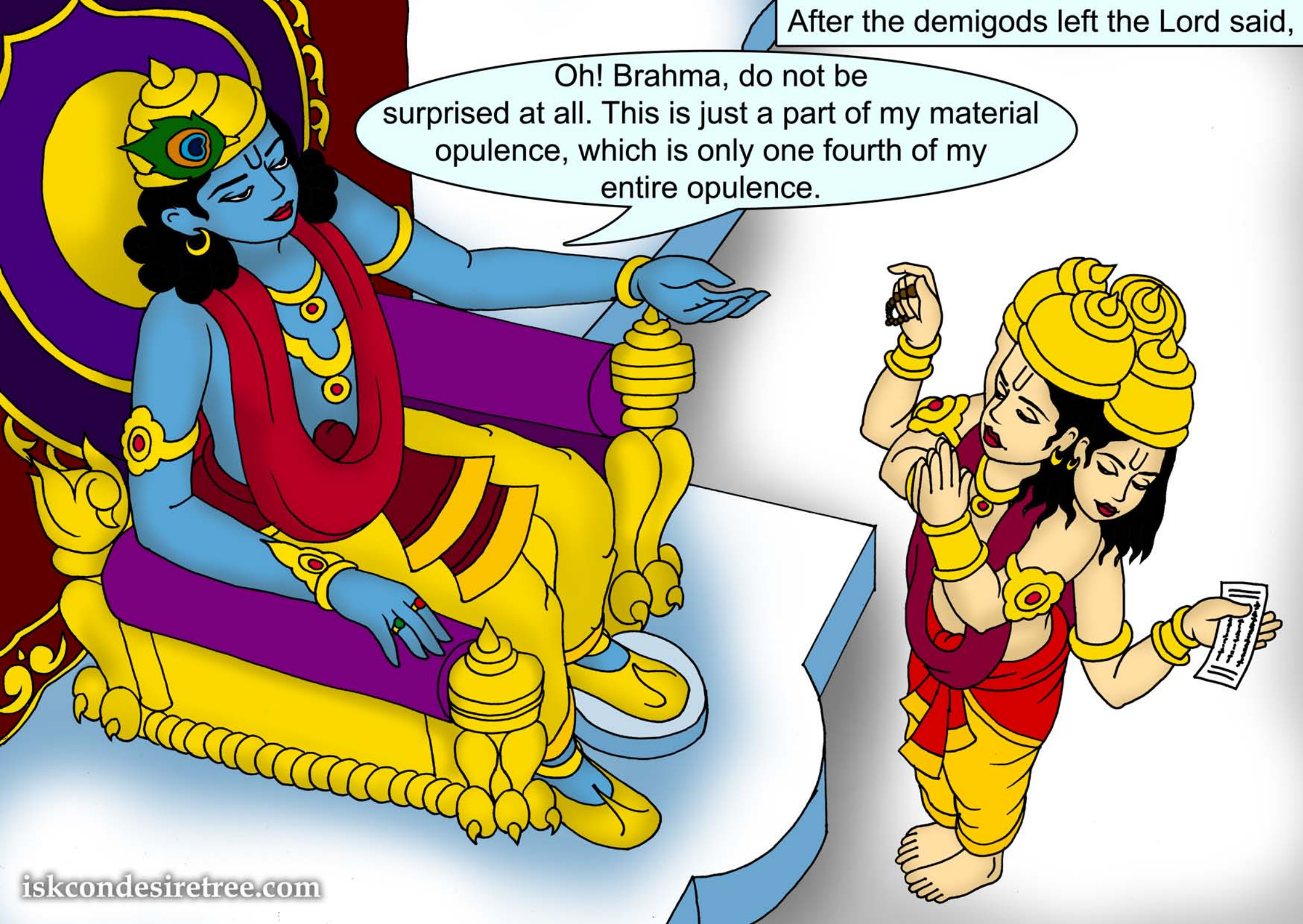
Oh dearest Lord! By
your mercy, we are glorious. All
glories to you the original person
by whom the entire universe is
created, maintained and
destroyed.



We cannot do anything
without your empowerment.
So we seek your protection and
surrender at your feet. It is our
greatest fortune that you
called for us.

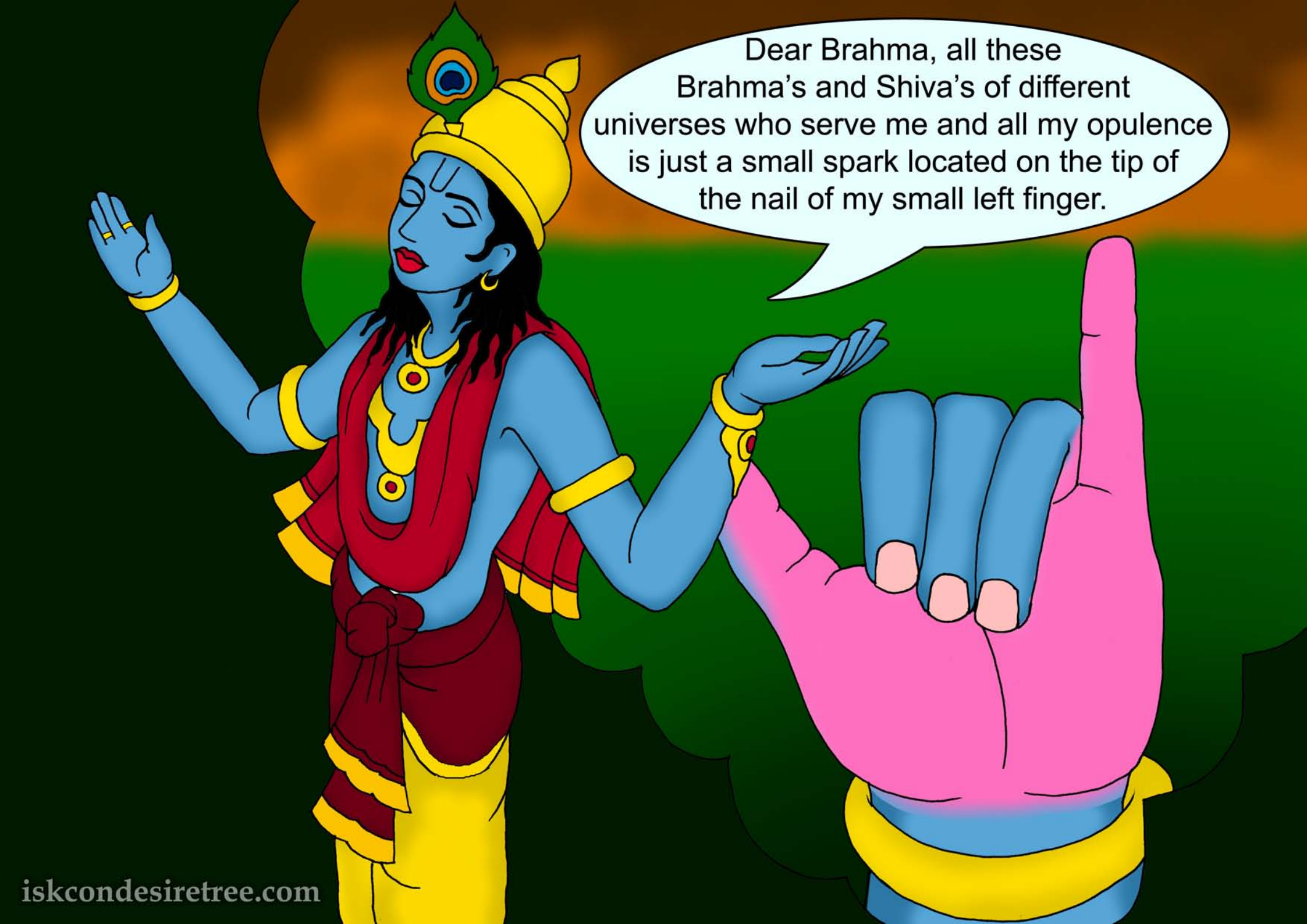
After the demigods left the Lord said,

Oh! Brahma, do not be surprised at all. This is just a part of my material opulence, which is only one fourth of my entire opulence.




Your particular universe extends 4 billion miles only. Therefore it is the smallest of all other universes. Consequently, you have four heads. Some universes measure of 1 billion yojanas, some 100 trillion yojanas. The size of the universe corresponds to the head of each Brahma. In this way, I maintain innumerable universes.





Dear Brahma, all these
Brahma's and Shiva's of different
universes who serve me and all my opulence
is just a small spark located on the tip of
the nail of my small left finger.



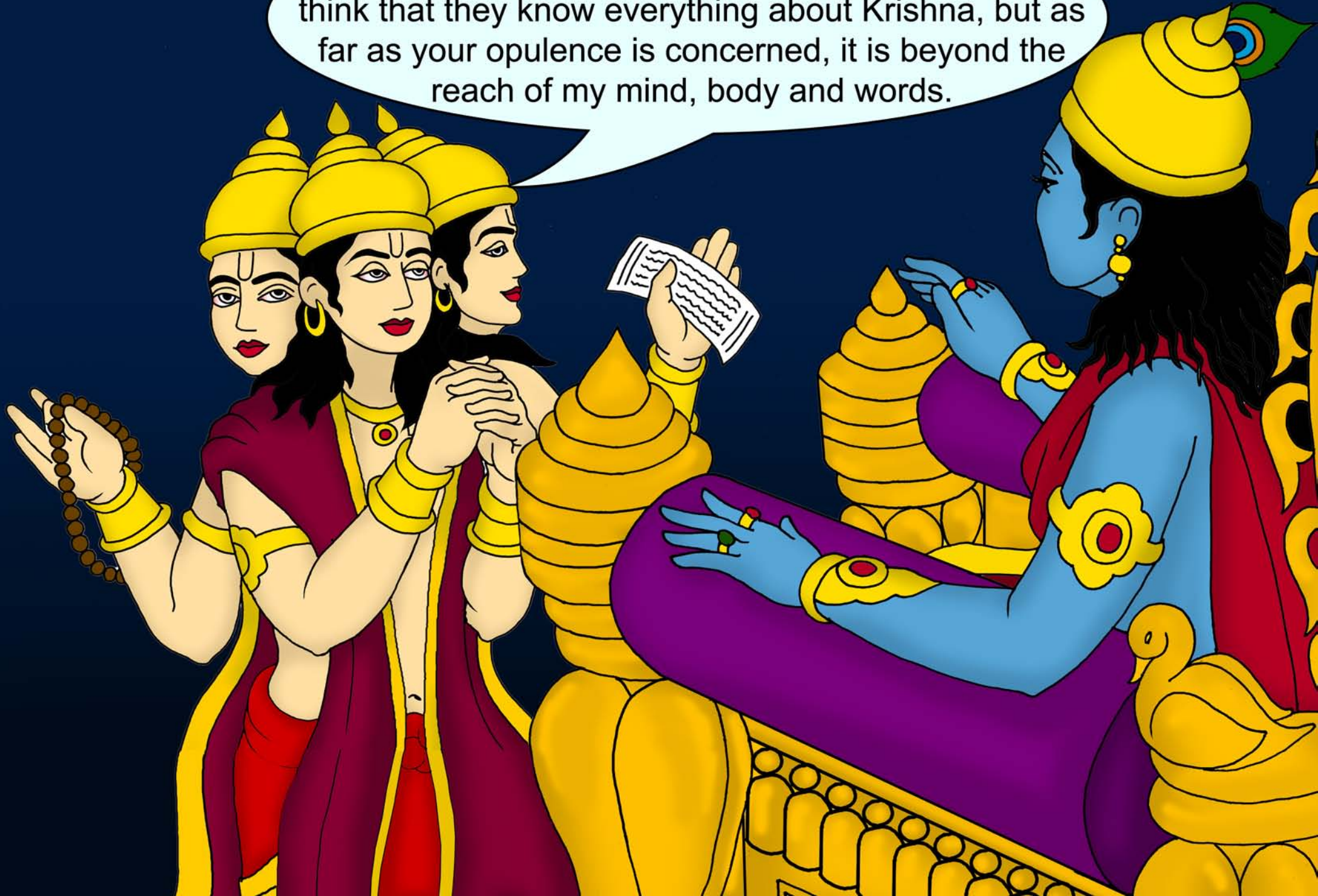
Nobody can measure
my material opulence, then what
to speak of my spiritual opulence,
which remains unmanifested
even to the demigods.

Lord Brahma prayed,

Dearest Lord, I am insignificant, just measuring seven spans of the palm of my hand, yet I feel that I am the doer. Please forgive me for my arrogant behavior. I cannot do anything unless empowered by you.



May I not be blinded by
the mode of passion again. Foolish people
think that they know everything about Krishna, but as
far as your opulence is concerned, it is beyond the
reach of my mind, body and words.



!!! Sri Krishna Bhagavan Ki Jai !!!



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